

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6717–S6763

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3503–3510, and S. Res. 631. **Page S6758**

Measures Reported:

S. 2997, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to commence proceedings related to the resiliency of critical telecommunications networks during times of emergency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–392)

S. 3097, to establish the SelectUSA program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–393)

Report to accompany S. 2763, to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis. (S. Rept. No. 114–394)

S. 421, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications.

S. 2283, to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deployment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2508, to reduce sports-related concussions in youth. **Pages S6757–58**

House Messages:

Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, taking action on the

following motions and amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S6719–30**

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6719**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5117, to change the enactment date. **Page S6719**

McConnell Amendment No. 5118 (to Amendment No. 5117), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6719**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, the post-cloture time with respect to McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill expire at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, December 7, 2016; and that if cloture is invoked on the conference report to accompany S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, that the post-cloture time be counted as if cloture had been invoked at 1 a.m., on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. **Page S6762**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the message of the House to accompany the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 7, 2016; and that the time from 3 p.m., until 4 p.m. be reserved for tributes to the President of the Senate. **Page S6762**

Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Robin Cleveland of Virginia, for a term

beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2018. **Page S6762**

Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–224, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission: Senators Murkowski and Rubio. **Page S6762**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Richard A. Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2022.

Rebecca Emily Rapp, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2019.

Thomas J. Murphy, of Colorado, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

63 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Army. **Pages S6762–63**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6762.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine emerging United States defense challenges and worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from General John M. Keane, USA (Ret.), Institute for the Study of War, former Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Shawn Brimley, Center for a New American Security, and Robert Kagan, The Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1150, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to improve the ability of the United States to advance religious freedom globally through enhanced diplomacy, training, counterterrorism, and foreign assistance efforts, and through stronger and more flexible political responses to religious freedom violations and violent extremism worldwide, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2845, to promote access to benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, with an amendment;

H.R. 4481, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the goal of all children in school and learning as an objective of the United States foreign assistance policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4939, to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 537, expressing profound concern about the ongoing political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, urging the release of political prisoners, and calling for respect of constitutional and democratic processes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 535, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 8, to provide for the approval of the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy;

S. Con. Res. 57, honoring in praise and remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable 70-year reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand;

S. Con. Res. 30, expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon;

Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro (Treaty Doc. 114–12); and

The nomination of Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, and lists in the Foreign Service, all of the Department of State.